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The several Affiliated associations have, by their presence and cooperation, contributed not a little to the interest and success of the Conference. To them, and to their members who have participated in the meetings, thanks are due.

Finally, the Association acknowledges, with appreciation, the pains taken by the railroads to meet its desires in all practicable ways, and to make the journey to Asheville, from whatever quarter, as agreeable as possible.

Adopted.

The PRESIDENT: I have to call for the report of the tellers of the election, by Mr P. L. Windsor.

A. L. A. CONFERENCE

Asheville, 1907.

Your tellers, appointed to receive the ballots and to count the votes at the annual election of officers held yesterday, beg leave to report that the total number of ballots cast was 341, and that the following was the vote in detail:

	No. of votes
For President:	
Arthur E. Bostwick.....	181
N. D. C. Hodges.....	157
For 1st Vice President:	
C. H. Gould.....	334
For 2nd Vice President:	
Helen E. Haines.....	304
Scattering	5
For Secretary:	
James I. Wyer, Jr.....	186
Bernard C. Steiner.....	151
For Treasurer:	
Anderson H. Hopkins.....	197
Drew B. Hall.....	139
For Recorder:	
Lutie E. Stearns.....	277
Beatrice Winser.....	35
Scattering	3
For Trustee of the Endowment fund:	
C. C. Soule.....	310
For Members of the Council:	
Mary E. Ahern.....	297
T. L. Montgomery.....	289
R. R. Bowker.....	280
Gardner M. Jones.....	275
W. F. Yust.....	243
Frank C. Patten.....	202
H. E. Legler.....	19
P. L. Windsor.....	6
Signed	

P. L. WINDSOR,
CHALMERS HADLEY,
Tellers.

The PRESIDENT: You have heard the Report of the tellers, and in accordance with it I declare

Mr A. E. Bostwick, President,

Mr C. H. Gould, First Vice-President,

Miss H. E. Haines, Second Vice-President.

Mr J. I. Wyer, Secretary,

Mr A. H. Hopkins, Treasurer,

Miss L. E. Stearns, Recorder,

Mr C. C. Soule, Trustee of Endowment Fund,

Miss Ahern, Messrs Montgomery, Bowker, Jones and Yust, members of the Council for the ensuing year.

Mrs ANNIE SMITH ROSS: As a member of the Library Association of the "Old North State," it is my pleasure and privilege to present to the American Library Association this gavel, in appreciation of your sojourn in the Sunny South. It is made of rhododendron, whose beautiful blossoms have smiled a welcome to you to this "Land of the brightest of skies." To-day it is chaste and white, symmetrical in outline, perfect in contour, but if with the advancement of years it becomes marred and discolored, and Time always leaves his scar, may it be chipped in a good cause, and subdue the turbulent sea of discontent into peace and harmony. At future sessions, when "attention is called," may it re-echo the pleasure of the Asheville meeting of 1907.

The PRESIDENT: Mrs Ross, and through you the North Carolina library association, I give my thanks in behalf of the American Library Association, and accept for them this symbol of authority. I hope that your wishes may be fulfilled, and I hope that it may typify a new development and departure in the work of the Association. It is with regret that I find my own name is not to be inscribed upon the roll to be born on this instant, and yet I am proud, too, that my name completes the series on the old gavel, the one that began its career at Lakewood, which bears the names of Putnam, Lane, Billings, Thwaites, Carr, Hosmer, Richardson and Hill, with whom I have been proud to be

associated. That old gavel will bring back to those who see it pleasant recollections of Lakewood, of Montreal, of Portland, and above all, of our first Southern and our second Southern meeting, Atlanta and Asheville.

And now, ladies and gentlemen, before I lay down either or both of them, I have the pleasure of presenting the President-elect, Mr Arthur E. Bostwick, of the New York public library. He is a representative of our largest public library, he is well known to all of us as an earnest, devoted and interested member of this Association, he is even better known to some of us, as a pleasant companion and a most agreeable acquaintance. It is therefore with official, professional and personal regard that I greet you, Mr Bostwick, and that I shall in a very few minutes turn over to you the control of the Association's deliberations.

Mr BOSTWICK: Ladies and gentlemen of the American Library Association, so much oratory has been inflicted upon the Association in the last week that I am sure you don't care to hear very much more, so I am not going to give you any oratory at all. I suppose I might well confine myself to the usual trite announcement that I consider my election to this position a great

honor, and that I trust I shall be able to discharge my duties to the best advantage, but I cannot help saying in a few brief words how it has been borne in upon me by recent events that in an association like this all efforts are constructive and never destructive; that there is no one who is working for anything in this Association who is not working toward the one end, the good of the Association and the progress of library work, no matter how much our ideas may differ as to the means by which that object shall be attained. I am very sure that I am speaking for the other officers whom you have elected to-day when I say that we shall all have during the coming year only one object—and I am sure that any other officer whom you might have elected would have had the same object—the good of the Association and the advancement of library work.

The PRESIDENT: If there is no other business to come before the Association, I thank you for the courtesy and the attention and the consideration of my shortcomings, which have made it possible for me to serve you, and I now declare as President of the American Library Association, its Twenty-ninth annual meeting adjourned without day.